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IN THE TITLE

Please amend the title of the application as follows:

FLASHING ASSEMBLY ~~& METHOD FOR USE & MANUFACTURE~~

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the indicated paragraphs as shown below. The page and paragraph designations are with regard to the application as published as Publication No. US 2002/0166292 A1.

Page 2, paragraph [0011]:

In other variations of the preceding modifications, the clinch joint is preferably either a ~~welded~~, a press fit, or an adhesive joint, or some modification, combination, and/or permutation thereof. Preferably, the clinch joint is formed to have an exterior mushroom-type head formed in a first of the respective edge portions, that receives a diametrically smaller, frictionally and interferingly interior mushroom-type head formed from a second of the respective edge portions and formed with an interior hollow within the interior head. In alternative configurations, the clinch joint may instead be ~~releasably spot welded~~ or formed with a spot adhesive that is also releasable. In yet other variations, any combination of the preceding embodiments may be used.

Page 2, paragraph [0021]

FIG. 4 is a perspective view of the flashing assembly of FIG. ~~[[4]]~~ 3, shown partially disassembled;

Page 3, paragraph [0032]

The present invention also further contemplates other modifications of the various preceding embodiments wherein the clinch joint **150** is preferably either a ~~welded~~, a press fit, or an adhesive joint, or some modification, combination, and/or permutation thereof. In such configurations, the clinch joint **150** may, instead of or in conjunction with being mechanically formed, be ~~releasably spot welded~~ or formed with a spot adhesive that is also releasable. In such additional variations and modifications, the clinch joint may be formed to have ~~welds~~ or adhesive joints **160**. The ~~welds~~ or adhesive joints **160** may be formed in a process separate from the steps for forming clinch joint **150** that are described below or in conjunction therewith. In yet other variations, any combination of such modification, permutations, and embodiments may be used.

Pages 3-4, paragraph [0034]

With continued reference to the previously described figures, reference is now also made to **FIGS. 7, 8, and 9**. The mushroom-type head portions **170, 190** of the clinch joint **150** are preferably created with, for purposes of illustration but not limitations, a pestle-type piston, such as, for example but not limitation, pestle-type piston **220**. Although not required for certain configurations of the instant invention, the piston **220** can be preferably selected to have an end element **230** that may, for particular applications, be diametrically larger than a piston shaft **240**. The piston **220** and end element **230** are adapted to cooperate with a die **250** that is preferably formed with a cylindrically trapezoidal recess **260** formed that is sized to receive the respective press drawn edge portions **180, 200** and the piston **200** during the press drawing process. More specifically, the die recess **260** is sized to accommodate the outer diameter of the exterior clinch joint head **170**. In this arrangement, the adjacent respective edge portions **140** are then press drawn into the recess **260** whereby the drawn portions **180, 200** expand once full pressed therein (**FIG. 8**). In applications where the clinch joint **150** is to be formed without the mushroom head mechanical joint **150**, then the arrangement reflected in **FIG. 9** is particularly well suited for fabrication, and includes the manufacture of weld or adhesive joint **160**. In applications that include the weld **160**, the die **250** and pestle-type piston **220** may be further adapted as or with electrode voltage potential (not shown) that create the weld **160** upon formation of the clinch joint **150** shown in **FIG. 8** or upon contact ~~[[is]]~~ as can be appreciated from **FIG. 9**, without the mechanical operation contemplated by **FIG. 8**.

Page 4, paragraph [0037]

Other modifications to any of the preceding embodiments also further may include one or more alignment indicia, such as end-to-end alignment indicia ~~[[350]]~~ **310**, which may be scored on the flashing section **120** or otherwise added by printing or other labeling methods that are known to those with skill in the art. Multiple types and styles of alignment indicia ~~[[350]]~~ **310** may also be incorporated to facilitate convenience and depending on the particular application. For example, other indicia may be included to accommodate use of the flashing assembly **100** with various types of attachment fastening devices and methods and to accommodate various types of roofing material

material, such as roofing papers, tiles, shingles (denoted generally in **FIG. 2** by reference letter “S”) of all types of material, and shingle course alignment widths, methods, and styles. Furthermore, although not reflected in the figures, those with skill in the art can also understand that the alignment indicia ~~[[350]]~~ **310** may also be added to either end of the individual flashing sections **120**.